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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY REMOVING VECTOR

UNIT IN DNA BASE SEQUENCE

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as

follows:

## I. AMENDMENTS

## A. In the Claims

Please CANCEL claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please ADD new claims 45-63 as follows:

N3 45.

A method for manipulating base sequence data of a vector, comprising:

storing data of a restriction enzyme and data of a base sequence of a restriction

enzyme site of a plurality of vectors in a database;

searching for base sequence data of a recombinant DNA obtained by integrating

an object DNA fragment into a vector;

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